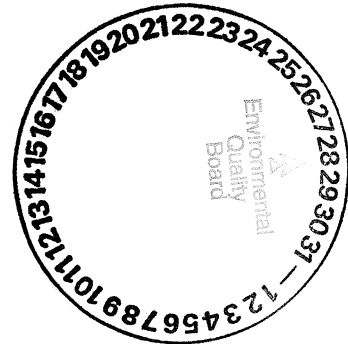




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Mr. Robert A Schroeder, Chair
Minnesota Environmental Quality Board
658 Cedar Street
St. Paul, MN 55155



Re: Notice of Intent by Minnkota Power Cooperative, Inc. to Submit a Route Permit Application Under the Alternative Permitting Process

Dear Mr. Schroeder:

This letter serves as notice of Minnkota Power Cooperative, Inc.'s intent to submit an application for a Route Permit for the Lund Substation and 230 kV Line Tap located in Lake of the Woods County, MN under the Alternative Permitting processes of Minn. Rules pts. 4400.2000 to 4400.2750.

It is anticipated that the application will be submitted to the Board by March 8, 2005.

Yours truly,

John T. Graves, P.E.
Environmental Manager

C: Dan Schmidt, HDR